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Flash Flood Watch in Effect for Guam, Rota; Prepare for Heavy Rain through Thursday

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam continue to monitor a large trade-wind disturbance located to the southeast of the Mariana Islands, bringing heavy showers. Rainfall amounts of 3 to 5 inches is possible. Heaviest showers are expected Thursday night.

A **flash flood watch** is now in effect for Guam and Rota beginning at 6 p.m. this evening. A **flash flood watch** means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding. Flash flooding is a very serious situation.

The community is advised to monitor forecasts and take precautionary actions should a flash flood warning be issued or heavy rains occur:

- Clear drainage areas and un-block clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away
- Be prepared to move immediately to higher ground if there is a chance of flash flooding.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. If the water is moving, do not leave the car.
- Avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Visit <https://www.ready.gov/floods> to learn more.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
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